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MARGINAL COLUMN

By MEIR MINDLIN

IT seems that poor attendance at services cannot be blamed on the rabbi, the sermon, the hour, or the press of business. People are quite ready to admit that they do not believe in a God they cannot pray to. If they cannot pray, the services make no sense. Some people come to services out of respect and affection for the rabbi, out of interest in the sermon, or for the pleasure of being with people. But no compulsion drives them to come week after week. A Bar Mitzvah brings people...

EACH time I ask myself what kind of a Jewish lady am I, I go to Temple and don't pray. I light candles on Friday night but don't observe the Sabbath... I support a Hebrew school but deplore its view that Jewish study is for the sake of discipline rather than creativity; that Jewish life is a memorial to martyrs, rather than a way of bringing real, live human beings to maturity... My mother was able to express her devotion to Judaism in the management of her kitchen. I could not accept her discipline in the kitchen. It did not seem possible that Jewishness was only a way of eating...

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THESE two extracts are from a very interesting article by Evelyn N. Rossman on Judaism in a representative American suburb that appeared in the November "Commentary." A sympathetic perusal of the whole article, and even these two quotations, reveals a rather closer connection than one would expect between the Diaspora and local aspects of the problem. However much one or the other sectors here presents the question in black-and-white terms, as absolute alternatives, most Israelis, like most Diaspora Jews, are groping in the twilight area mirrored in the quotations above. Though it seems to us that the inevitable trend is towards increasing secularization, a desirable development in our view, there can be little doubt that extremism on the part of one side or the other acts as an irritant to the intermediate mass of the people, whose ideas and beliefs are in a state of transition.

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THUS the Pardess Hanna burial affair aroused a storm of feeling that rather astonished orthodox circles, who could not easily discern its motivating force — and this in turn provoked the unfortunate remarks made by an orthodox Knesset member about preserving racial (later corrected to 'family') purity. And yet the orthodox were right within their own terms of reference, and could hardly be expected to transgress against the clearly prescribed burial practices. But it was quite clear where most of the population stood on that particular issue.

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WE have long become accustomed to minimizing or obfuscating the differences between various sections of the nation — a very sensible course in view of the external dangers always threatening us. But perhaps we have reached a point where the blurring or evasion of issues does more harm than good. If there is a real and honest difference of opinion then perhaps it should be brought out into the open and discussed thoroughly and unambiguously, so that the undecided part of the population could take an informed stand.

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THE sort of action that should be reconsidered is the kind exemplified by the unconsidered and unwise institution, by administrative order, of the teaching of "Jewish consciousness" in the schools. We have learned that some teachers in a state school, whose zeal in obeying the directive outruns their better judgment, have not hesitated to make invidious comparisons between observant and non-observant children in the classroom. And this in no backward provincial school. Surely this was not the intention of the directive, nor could it have been intended to produce conflicts in secular homes. The issue is too important to be handled or resolved at this level.

Jerusalem, December 16.

More Tremors Rock Persia; Death Toll Rises

TEHERAN, Sunday. — Fresh earthquakes shook the already stricken northwestern area of Persia today, causing more devastation, and it was feared that more casualties would be added to the estimated 1,500 deaths, 7,000 injured and 50,000 homeless following Friday's tremors.

The second series of tremors hit the 1,700 square-mile triangle bounded by the towns of Kermansha, Hamadan and Sanandaj.

The death toll is steadily rising, and the situation is worsening, as snow and the freezing cold make it difficult to get supplies into the devastated area and to take the injured to the few hospitals available.

About 1,100 of the dead were in the town of Farsanj and 700 bodies have now been recovered there. Reports reaching here today gave a grim picture of the plight of the homeless. In some places several women and children are having to share a single blanket in open air camps.

An official who was on the scene said that the quake on Friday came as "a continuous rumble, and road and houses began disappearing in seconds. After two minutes, all that was left of Farsanj was a mass of rubble and dust, with the air filled with the groans and shrieks of people trapped below in the ruins."

Parliament today observed a minute's silence for the dead. The Shah flew over the earthquake area and was expected to visit it by road after he returns from a four-day visit to the Lebanon. He will fly to Beirut tomorrow with Queen Soraya. *(UP, Reuter)*

Egyptian Air Marshal Flees to Jordan

An Egyptian Air Vice-Marshal, Abdul Mun'im Ra'ouf, arrived in Jordan last week and has been given political asylum, Amman Radio announced last night.

Abdul Ra'ouf was recently sentenced by an Egyptian court martial to death *in absentia* for having participated in an alleged plot against the Nasser regime, it was stated.

He had taken part in the Egyptian invitation of Israel in 1948, and had an important post in the Egyptian Air Force until his dismissal and house arrest. He was jailed after the Egyptian authorities charged him with complicity in the anti-Nasser plot.

Later, he escaped from prison and remained in hiding in a village until he managed to leave the country.

Abdul Ra'ouf was received by King Hussein yesterday, the radio said.

Russia Gives Poland Five Warships

TOKYO, Sunday (UP). — Russia presented Poland with five naval vessels in ceremonies today at the Polish port of Gdynia, the New China News Agency reported.

It said that the vessels, of the "latest Soviet naval" type, are being given to Poland "under the Warsaw Pact's provisions of alliance and mutual assistance."

GARCIA PLANS TO 'SOAK THE RICH'

MANILA, Sunday (UP). — President Carlos P. Garcia last night appealed to his people to support his austerity programme and disclosed a "soak-the-rich" plan to save the Philippines from economic chaos.

Despite a gloomy prospect for possibly six months of austerity, Mr. Garcia assured the people in a nationwide radio-T.V. hookup that the overall picture is not so dark.

HUNGARY CALLS PARLIAMENT SESSION

VIENNA, Sunday (UP). — Hungary's Parliament has been summoned for an "extraordinary session" next Thursday, Budapest Radio said today. The broadcast did not elaborate.

Ex-Im Bank Loan Seen as Only $40m.

By AMOS MELAMEDE

The U.S. Export-Import Bank is expected to whittle down Israel's request for a $75m. loan and to grant only about $40m., it is reliably learned from Government sources. Because of this expectation, the Treasury has reduced its supplementary development budget draft from IL100m. to IL80m.

The draft, presented to the Cabinet yesterday, was transferred to the Ministerial Economic Committee for further discussion.

The Finance Minister also tabled his proposed tax reforms which were likewise sent to the Economic Committee. (see Page three).

Berinstein Chosen To Head UJA Drive

NEW YORK, Sunday (INA). — The United Jewish Appeal today elected Mr. Morris W. Berinstein of Syracuse, philanthropic and business leader, as General Chairman to lead its 20th nation-wide campaign.

Mr. Berinstein succeeds Mr. William Rosenwald who was General Chairman for the past three years.

Mr. Berinstein

Through a special $100m. rescue fund and its regular 1958 campaign requiring $102m., the UJA must meet the urgent migration, welfare and rehabilitative needs of 615,000 persons.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, in the major address of the final session of the annual conference, warned against any settlement of the Middle East problem at the expense of Israel. He said: "Israel may soon face her most critical and decisive test as a result of the mounting ferment in the Middle East. The danger may not be military at all, it may be political."

Premier to Head Investigation Of Burial System

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Cabinet yesterday decided that a special committee should study the burial arrangements now in force from both the legal and factual aspects.

This action follows the furor stirred up by the refusal of the Pardess Hanna burial society to inter 5-year-old Aharon Steinberg, the son of a Christian mother, within the sanctified area of the local cemetery.

The committee will consist of the Prime Minister, the Minister for Religious Affairs, Mr. Moshe Shapiro, and the Minister of Interior, Mr. Israel Bar-Yehuda. The Minister of Posts Dr. Yosef Burg, will substitute for Mr. Shapiro until the latter is sufficiently recovered from injuries sustained in the Knesset bombing. (Mr. Shapiro is making "good progress," but no date has been set for his release, a Hadassah spokesman said yesterday).

It is understood that the Minister of Justice, Mr. Pinhas Rosen, and the Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs, Mr. Zorah Warhaftig, will also participate in some meetings of the committee.

It is learned that the committee was established by general agreement. No other religious questions were discussed yesterday, it is understood.

The official communique stated:

The Cabinet yesterday held two sessions.

The first session was devoted to foreign affairs and security.

The second session dealt with current matters. A Committee consisting of the Prime Minister, the Minister for Religious Affairs and the Minister of Interior was charged with studying the legal and factual situation with regard to burial arrangements in the State.

Russia Asks Israel To Help Avert War

The Soviet Foreign Ministry delivered to the Israel Embassy in Moscow on Friday a 13-page Note, similar to that sent to other members of the U.N., warning of the danger of an atomic war.

The Note, addressed to the Government, called on Israel as a member of the U.N. to study the Soviet Union's suggestions made to help prevent war, and to seek friendly cooperation among the nations in the interests of peace.

'U.S.S.R. Promises Arabs Much More'

NEW YORK, Sunday (INA). — Writing in the "New York Herald-Tribune" from Beirut, columnist Joseph Alsop states today that the arms and economic aid which the U.S.S.R. has already offered to the Arabs is as nothing compared with what they are now promised.

The very existence of Israel could be imperilled by Soviet championship of the Arab cause, even in the form of a drive to force Israel back to the 1947 Partition frontiers, Mr. Alsop writes. If the existence of their state seems to be imperilled, the Israelis are likely to fight, no matter what the odds may be, no matter what anyone else may say about it.

Because of the courage and toughness of the Israelis, the Russians cannot take any step which may produce another Arab-Israel war, unless they are also willing to intervene in the war in order to ensure an Arab victory. But Israel is covered by the Eisenhower Doctrine, Mr. Alsop notes.

Russia Committed

Such is the risk the Soviets run by helping the Arabs push Israel to the wall. Yet, Mr. Alsop writes, he was warned by the highest Saudi authorities that the Russians are already committed to do just this. It was indicated that the promise was given to the Egyptians by the Soviet Ambassador in Cairo. It was further indicated that Saudi Arabia is already preparing to take advantage of the Soviet promise of support for the Arabs.

From this set of facts only two deductions are possible. Either the Soviets are currently deceiving the Arabs with false promises, a deception which surely will not pay them in the long run, or Khrushchev and his colleagues now hold the U.S. and the rest of the West in sovereign contempt.

Urgent measures are needed to restore respect for the Western alliance that have been lost because of American weakness. If this contempt is transformed into respect, the Russians will soon cease playing with dynamite, not only in the Middle East, but everywhere, Mr. Alsop writes.

NATO Leaders Shelve Discussion Of Extending Protection to Israel

East-West Talks Possible

PARIS, Sunday. — The West may be "forced" into high-level talks with the Russians by the middle of next year, diplomatic sources surmised today on the eve of the summit talks of NATO heads of state. Tomorrow's conferenc was called in view of the Soviet political and scientific challenge in the space age.

A body of opinion is said to be building up within NATO saying that an attempt must be made to find outt Russia's intentions in direct talks with her leaders.

Neither the big nor the small NATO powers have been taken in by the latest Soviet diplomatic offensive. They regard the Bulganin "massive barrage" as no more than old proposals repeatedly rejected by the West.

Nevertheless, the latest Soviet propaganda drive, backed by Russian scientific successes, is beginning to have an effect on opinion in continental Europe, these sources said.

Already signs are emerging that the West will give the Russians a "considered" reply rather than a flat "no" to the avalanche of diplomatic notes calling for East-West summit talks and the creation of a neutralized atom-free zone in central Europe.

Not Closing Door

According to present thinking, the West will not close the door to a new top-level conference, although the majority of Western leaders frankly doubt its usefulness.

Tomorrow, President Eisenhower will make a speech expected to last 12 minutes at a short open session of the three-day conference, which is being attended by nearly 300 delegates of the 15 NATO countries.

Day-long private talks today among the various leaders including Britain's Macmillan, France's Gaillard and West Germany's Dr. Adenauer, had by tonight set the stage for the conference to be held in a prefabricated building set between wings of the Palais Chaillot close by the Eifel Tower.

A major item in the "package proposals" the Americans will make to the conference will be an offer to set up launching ramps in Europe for intermediate range ballistic missiles.

The U.S. Presidential Press Secretary, Mr. Hagerty, said today Mr. Eisenhower's speech tomorrow would not spell out the whole of the American programme to be presented to the conference.

There was some speculation in conference circles as to the possibility that Mr. Eisenhower might give a preliminary reply to the Soviet "peace proposals" as set out by Premier Bulganin. *(UP, Reuter)*

Ike Rejects Nehru Bid to Ban A-Tests

PARIS, Sunday (Reuter). — President Eisenhower told Premier Jawaharlal Nehru of India in a cable today that cessation of nuclear bomb tests should be linked to a ban on weapons production.

In a cable addressed from the American Embassy residence here, the President said that to ban nuclear weapons tests at this time "in the absence of knowledge that we can go on and achieve effective limitations on nuclear weapons production and on other elements of armed strength, as well as a measure of assurance against surprise attack, is a sacrifice which we could not in prudence accept."

The President's cable was in reply to the statement made by Mr. Nehru in New Delhi on November 28 in which he appealed to the U.S., Russia and Britain to end nuclear tests.

Paris Police Out To Foil Demonstrations

PARIS, Sunday. — More than 2,000 steel-helmeted riot police were stationed around the U.S. Embassy and along the Avenue Champs Elysees today to break up threatened demonstrations against NATO.

Both Communists and extreme right-wing groups had called on their followers to demonstrate against President Eisenhower and the basing of U.S. missiles on French soil.

Foreign Minister Christian Pineau said today that France would have to agree to the installation of missile launching ramps on her territory.

Speaking at a national congress of the Socialist Party to which he belongs, M. Pineau said the question of setting up missile launching sites was a political one. France must continue to assure her defence in the framework of the policy of NATO, therefore she must accept her responsibilites and agree to the strengthening of this defence and the installation of launching ramps.

Jordanians Attack Yarhiv Herdsmen

Jordanians on Saturday afternoon fired a number of shots at three members of Moshav Yarhiv near Kfar Saba who were engaged in grazing livestock, the Army spokesman stated yesterday. The settlers returned fire. There were no casualties.

5 Jordanians Tried As 'Israel Spies'

The trial of five villagers from Rummana, across the border from Megiddo, charged with spying for Israel, was opened before a military court in Nablus on Saturday. "Falastin" reported yesterday.

They are said to have been in contact with an Israel Arab from nearby Salem village who in turn had been sent by an Israel intelligence officer. The trial continues.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

More than 70 football spectators yesterday hurtled on the others massed below when the balustade of a tribune in Florence, Italy, gave way. Over 100 persons were detained in hospitals with 20 described as gravely injured.

Turkey Seeks Return to 1947

By MAURICE CARR, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS, Sunday. — "To my knowledge no delegation has submitted to the summit conference a proposal that NATO security be extended to a non-member who asks for such security," the NATO Secretary-General, Mr. Paul Henri Spaak, said today in answer to a question by your correspondent.

From a top diplomatic source I learn that this proposal, first mooted in Washington with a view to providing protection inter alia for Israel, has been shelved as a result of a Turkish attempt to obtain NATO's blessing for the Baghdad Pact's plan to enforce return to the 1947 Palestine partition scheme.

The Americans apparently wish to keep Israel off the agenda as far as possible.

France has already informed the Turkish and other delegations that she is absolutely opposed to revision of Israel's frontiers.

The same diplomatic source pointed out that extension of NATO security to Israel would require amendment of NATO's constitution, which is considered "very unlikely," at any rate for the time being.

U.K. Confused On Eve of Meeting

By GERDA L. COHEN
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON, Sunday. — On the eve of the NATO summit meeting, divided and bewildered British press comment today reflects public uneasiness and confusion. The Bulganin espousal of a central European nuclear free zone has heartened Socialist leaders who have long since urged a similar policy.

The "New Statesman" positively eulogized "disengagement" as a contribution towards a limited disarmament agreement likely to arrest "the drift along the road to Armageddon."

The moderate "Observer" is also alarmed by the projected distribution of atomic weapons but cautiously limits editorial advice to mending NATO's political fences. It recommends advance consultation by the NATO Council over major policy decisions affecting Europe and the Middle East and involving direct war risk; such a measure would have made obligatory consultation before the actions in Suez and Algeria, and the Eisenhower Doctrine.

The necessity to harmonize NATO policies also dominated a B.B.C. radio link-up of London, Paris, New York and Bonn.

The extreme right wing press reacted conversely to the Bulganin letters, considering them a spur to hasten the nuclear catching-up process. The "Daily Telegraph" trumpeted for the immediate stationing of intermediate range missile bases as near as possible to Russia, overriding German objections, if necessary.

The mass circulation "Sunday Express" championed a small Tory group of parliamentarians calling for a Third Force policy to maintain Britain's independence of America. While applauding Mr. Eisenhower's gallant journey to Paris, the paper lashed Secretary of State Dulles whose policies, it said, wrecked the Western alliance, making imperative British disassociation from America sufficient to bolster national sovereignty.

The paper, shrewdly exploiting resentment over the discovery that hydrogen bombs are carried in U.S. planes patrolling British territory, agreed to the establishment of missile bases and also the discussing of fighter squadrons under NATO command.

Pella Mid-East Plan To Be Discussed

PARIS, Sunday (Reuter). — The "Pella Plan" for economic aid by the West to the Middle East, first put forward by the Italian Foreign Minister, has been circulated to all NATO member states as a paper for the conference opening tomorrow, it was learned today.

Dr. Giuseppe Pella will draw the attention of the conference to this paper in his speech but it is not expected that any immediate decision will be taken.

Basically the plan is that the counterpart funds arising from Marshall Plan aid from the U.S. which Western Europe is now in a position to pay back, should be diverted into a special fund for aid to underdeveloped countries, particularly in the Middle East.

In addition, those Western countries which have particular interests in the Middle East might make an additional contribution to the special fund based on varying percentages. The question of who should administer the fund has still to be made clear.

'No Takers' in U.S. For Nuri's Ideas

LONDON, Sunday (INA). — The suggestions of ex-Premier Nuri Said of Iraq that the U.S. to change its attitude towards Israel found "few takers here," the "Sunday Times" reported from Washington today.

Reporting on Nuri's recent activities, the correspondent said he sought to impress Americans that they must "not appear so systematically to be on Israel's side."

Israel officials were "greatly disturbed" by his activities, the report said, but Nuri's proposals were not thought realistic.

The upshot of all this is that everybody in Washington is more aware of the urgency of deciding what to do next in the Middle East "without anybody having any clear ideas on how to go about it," the report concluded.

Franco Veers To Baghdad Pact

LONDON, Sunday (INA). — Gen. Franco, for many years a stout supporter of the Arab League, has now decided to back the Baghdad Pact instead, a special correspondent of the "Sunday Times" reported today.

The main reason is his dislike of the Moscow link with the Cairo-Damascus axis. The correspondent wrote that President Mirza of Pakistan was left in no doubt during his recent visit to Madrid about Spain's attitude to the Baghdad Pact. Gen. Franco has given up hopes that the Arab League might unite all the Arab countries in the Middle East, as long as Abdul Nasser rules in Cairo.

BEIRUT MINISTRY OF JUSTICE BLASTED

BEIRUT, Sunday (Reuter). — A bomb exploded outside the Ministry of Justice buildings in central Beirut tonight, smashing windows but causing no structural damages or casualties. The bomb thrower escaped.

Rosen Warns Cabinet Partners Against Economic Deviations

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The Minister of Justice, Mr. Pinhas Rosen, today warned the three labour parties that any deviation from agreed economic policies would lead to the break-up of the coalition.

Mr. Rosen, President of the Progressive Party, was addressing the opening session of the sixth annual conference of Haoved Hazioni, the Party's labour faction, at the Ohel Shem hall.

The conference was attended by 350 delegates, representing 18,000 members and 18 settlements. The movement forms some 70 per cent of the Progressive Party membership.

Mr. Rosen declared that the Cabinet majority now believed that the only solution for our economic problems lay in attracting private capital. The Minister revealed that Ahdut Ha'avoda and Mapam had presented Mapai with a plan which "would strangle our economy and repulse private investor." In their call for increased property taxes, the left were proposing a dilettante and harmful project'," he claimed.

The Progressives would oppose all proposals which would upset the present wage policy, the Minister declared.

Justifying his Party's participation in the coalition, Mr. Rosen claimed the proposed tax reforms and plans to encourage investment as the fruits of its efforts.

The Minister made a plea for tolerance on religious issues and the prevention of a *kulturkampf*. Although the Progressives would honour the coalition agreement on religious matters, he said, reforms in marriage and divorce laws could not be put off for ever. He called on the religious parties to be tolerant, especially to "the strangers within our gates."

Mr. Moshe Kol, President of Haoved Hazioni, called for the unification of all labour movements, and appealed to General Zionist Workers organizations to amalgamate with his movement. He criticized the Histadrut for involving itself in party politics and demanded the dissolution of the Histadrut Municipal Department "whose funds are used in practice by one party alone."

Mr. Kol justified wage differentials and saw in proposed wage increases "a destructive influence on the country's economic stability."

Calling for reforms in the Histadrut structure, he declared that the labour movement should direct its attention to the 200,000 persons existing on IL50 per month, lest they become "victims of demagogic politicians."

Mr. Y. Sha'ari, leading Haoved Hazioni delegate to the Histadrut, lectured on the movement's programme and proposals for reforms in the Histadrut.

Other speakers were Mr. Z. Shazar, Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, Mr. Y. Haskin, Histadrut Treasurer, and Mr. A. Hartzfeld, M.K., for the Agricultural Centre.

Greetings were received from Mr. Levi Eshkol and Mr. Mordechai Namir.

Among those present were the Knesset Speaker, Mr. Y. Sprinzak; Mr. L. Dolczin, of the Jewish Agency Executive; Progressive Party M.K.'s; the U.S. and U.K. Labour Attaches, and the entire Histadrut Central Committee.

'Herald-Tribune' Man Ousted from Syria

NEW YORK, Sunday (Reuter). — Joe Alex Morris, Middle East correspondent for the "New York Herald-Tribune," has been expelled from Syria, the newspaper reported today.

It said he was "summarily notified that he must leave the country and given 30 minutes to be on his way." Mr. Morris was not permitted to ask the reason for the expulsion or contact the U.S. Embassy in Damascus. He was accompanied to the Lebanese border by a Syrian security officer.

Yugoslavia Expels 'Newsweek' Reporter

BELGRADE, Sunday (UP). — A correspondent for the American magazine "Newsweek" has been expelled from Yugoslavia for distributing copies of a controversial book critical of Communist society, the Government announced today. The reporter, Allan Richie, was here on a visit. The Interior Ministry charged that he distributed copies of Milovan Djilas' "The New Class," which is banned here. Djilas, a former top aide of President Tito, is serving a nine-year prison term.

NIXON GETS YESHIVA UNIVERSITY DEGREE

NEW YORK, Sunday (INA). — Vice-President Richard Nixon received an Honorary Doctorate of Laws from Yeshiva University at a dinner tonight.

In receiving the degree, Mr. Nixon lauded the work of the university. He said it could be proud of the contribution it is making to the nation, because Yeshiva is in the "great tradition of privately-supported liberal arts colleges and universities which are America's most effective guarantee against Government domination of our educational system."

General Assembly Adjourns Session

UNITED NATIONS, Sunday (Reuter). — The General Assembly adjourned its 12th annual session last night.

The President, Sir Leslie Munro of New Zealand, pointed out that the continuation of UNEF as a "valuable restraint and a factor of stability" in the Middle East, was decided upon by the Assembly.

On world disarmament, he said that a "dangerous urgency required unflagging efforts to achieve world disarmament. He stressed that the disarmament talks in London had gone from "deadlock... to double deadlock."

Meanwhile, the U.S. announced last night that it would call for a special session of the General Assembly on the Hungary question, "should the circumstances warrant it."

Words and Deeds

The American delegate, Mr. Henry Cabot Lodge, said that reports of recent events in Hungary were "sufficient to expose the further contrast between the Soviet actions and the words spoken by the Soviet representative during the debate on the subject of peaceful coexistence."

The Assembly also appointed King Olav of Norway to help Raly and Ethiopia settle their dispute over the frontier between Ethiopia and Italian Somaliland.

New Iraqi Cabinet For Baghdad Pact

BAGHDAD, Sunday (Reuter). — Iraq's new Cabinet was officially sworn in today and Premier Abdul Wahab Mirjan, 48, renewed his assurances of the country's continued support of the Baghdad Pact.

Mirjan, five times President of the Chamber of Deputies and right-hand man of elder statesman Nuri Said, replaces Ali Jawdat el Ayoubi who resigned last Tuesday. Official sources said Jawdat resigned because of discord among his ministers and after King Faisal refused his request to dissolve Parliament and call a general election.

Defence Portfolio

In the new Cabinet Mirjan also serves as Defence Minister while Burhani e-Din Bashayan remains as Foreign Minister. Sheikh Alsharki remains Minister without Portfolio. Other appointments made today were: Jamil Urfull as Deputy Premier, Nadem Pachachi as Finance Minister.

The new Premier said he would attend the Baghdad Pact Council meeting due to open in Ankara on January 27. Outlining his Government's policy, he said it would cooperate with Arab "sister countries" and friendly states to regain Arab rights in Palestine and achieve the aspirations of "our brothers, the Algerians, at present struggling for freedom and independence."

The Father in 'Birth-Pangs'

To distract evil spirits from the woman in confinement, the Indian enacts an elaborate 'childbirth,' writhing in simulated pain and receiving visitors and their presents when it's all over...

A picturesque scene from the Forum Film "L'IMPERO DEL SOLE" following the success of "Continente Perdutto" — showing this week at the "MOGRABI" Cinema, Tel Aviv. *(Advt.)*

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Moshe Michael Bejarano ז"ל

and extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved families

The Minister of Japan and Mrs. K. Negishi

The coffin of

Dr. Shlomo (Stephan) Klinger ז"ל

is being brought from London to Israel.

The funeral cortege will leave the Zichron Ya'acov Synagogue for the Local Cemetery tomorrow, Tuesday, December 17, 1957.

Buses for Zichron Ya'acov will leave from 14 Rehov Dizengoff, Tel Aviv (opposite Mann Auditorium) on Tuesday, December 17, at 12 noon exactly.

VICTORIA MANDER and Family

Social & Personal

The Minister of Commerce and Industry, Mr. P. Sapir, accompanied by the President of the Manufacturers Association, Mr. A. Shenkar, and the Director-General of the Ministry, Mr. Y. Gluckman, yesterday toured the industrial section of Holon.

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The Minister of Education, Mr. Z. Aranne, was yesterday presented with a copper hanukkia and a handwoven carpet made by the pupils of the pre-vocational classes of the Hayarkon School in Tel Aviv.

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The Minister of Japan and Mrs. Kuniyoshi Negishi gave a reception at the Ramat Aviv Hotel yesterday which was attended by the Speaker of the Knesset, the Minister of Commerce, the Chief-of-Staff, the Governor of the Bank of Israel, the Directors-General of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Defence, the French and U.S. Ambassadors and other members of the Diplomatic Corps. Members of the Knesset, Foreign Ministry officials and members of the Japan-Israel Society. A travelogue film in colour, "High ways of Japan," was shown.

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The Burmese Charge d'Affaires, U Khin Maung Gale, was host at a dinner held at the Sharon Hotel last night in honour of Dr. D. Lewin, Israel Ambassador-Designate to Burma, who is leaving today for Rangoon.

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Professor Israel Dostrovsky, head of the Isotopes Department of the Weizmann Institute, has been re-elected Chairman of the Institute's Scientific Committee for 1958.

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Dr. Erwin Arnstein, Director of the Hadassah Vocational Guidance Bureau, last night reported on his participation at an international study week on "Work for the Blind" in Assisi, Italy. His report was given at a meeting at the home of Mrs. Ora Goitein, Chairman of the Hadassah Vocational Education Services.

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The local Sabena representative and Mrs. G. Machline and the firm's Haifa Regional Manager and Mrs. H. Wellnermann held a reception in honour of the fifth anniversary of the opening of the company's Haifa office at the Zion Hotel last night.

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Mrs. L. Rade, of Johannesburg, Vice-President of the South African Mizrahi Organization, has arrived in Israel for the inauguration of the Ahuzat Sarah Children's Home at Bnei Brak on December 28.

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MEMORIAL MEETINGS

A memorial meeting for Moshe Ichilov, late Deputy Mayor of Tel Aviv and member of the Praesidium of the Farmers Federation, was held yesterday at Farmers House, Tel Aviv. Tribute was paid by Mr. Z. Izaakson, Chairman of the Federation's Praesidium, and Mr. E. Glasin.

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A memorial meeting for the late Shalom Schwadron, Chief Accountant at the Hebrew University, on the first anniversary of his death, will take place at 1 p.m. today in the Administration Building on the University campus. A special bus will be available on the campus for those wishing to pay their respects at the graveside after the meeting.

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

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RAMAT GAN and GIVATAYIM: Amit, 130 Mod'in, 72964. **PETAH TIKVA**: Kobo, 2 Pinsker. **REHOVOT**: Levinsky, 170 Herzl, 96-1091. **NATANYA**: Geva.
HAIFA: Payis, 31 Yosef, 4014.

EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS

JERUSALEM: Dr. Galewski, 29 King George, 2068. Dr. Shor, 45 Rashi.
HAIFA: Dr. Bilski, 7 Ehud, 2199.

Cinemas

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At 3.30, 6.30 & 8.30 p.m.

ARNON: Ali Baba and The Forty Thieves.
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ZION HALL: The Trouble With Harry.
TEL OR: We Want A Child.
EDISON: Badal.
STUDIO: Serenade.

TEL AVIV

ALLENBY: Esther Costello.
ARMON DAVID: Paris Canaille.
CHEN: Les Lumieres du Soir. Mats.: The White Stallion & The Red Balloon.
EDEN: The Last Lie.
ESTHER: Designing Woman.
MAXIM: Les Sorcieres de Salem.
MIGDALOR: Elisa.
MOGRABI: L'Impero del Sole.
OPHIR: The Man Who Knew Too Much.
ORION: Sissi.
SHDEROT: The Court Jester.
TAMAR: Tous Peuvent Me Tuer.
TCHELET: Mozart's Life Story.
TEL AVIV: Island in the Sun.
YARON: Le Tresor de Rommel.
ZAMIR: Cisko the Rat.
ZAFON: The Tales of Hoffmann.

HAIFA

ORION: Yasmin. Mats. Apache.
ARMON: Notre Dame de Paris.
EN DOR: La Bella Mugnaia.
ORLY: The Ambassador's Daughter.
AMPHITHEATRE: An Affair to Remember.
ORAM: Full of Life.
GAL OR: Men in War.
ATZMON: Forbidden Planet.
MORIAH: Michael Strogoff.
PEER: Pane, Amore . . . Mats. Duel in the Sun.
MAY: Trial.

Persian Jewry Hold First National Conference

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The first national conference of Iranian Jewry in modern times, held in Teheran at the end of last month, was described by Dr. Arye Tartakower, who attended on behalf of the World Jewish Congress in Israel, at a press conference in Tel Aviv last week.

Iran has a Jewish community of 85,000, of whom half are concentrated in Teheran, whilst the remainder lived in other cities. The main problems besetting Iranian Jewry are its material poverty, the inroads made by assimilation and the feeling of insecurity which pervades the community. This was demonstrated at the conference by the delegates themselves, each of whom prefaced his speech with thanks to the Persian authorities for allowing him freedom of speech.

The meeting, which lasted four days, was opened by Prince Gholam Reza Pahlavi. Mr. Hussein Ala, Minister of the Court, gave the opening address, in which he spoke of the Shah as a progressive and democratic monarch, likening him to King Cyrus who had granted freedom to the Jews 2,500 years ago. He mentioned his concern for the welfare and progress of all his subjects, regardless of their race or religion, and appealed to the conference to take full advantage of that freedom.

'Long Live the King'

During the deliberations, constant reference was made by speakers to the fact that the Jews of Iran, unlike those of other Moslem countries, had been accorded full freedom to hold a congress, and there were repeated shouts of "Long live the King."

The ancient Jewish community of Persia, which had existed continuously from the time of the destruction of the First Temple, is threatened by assimilation, Dr. Tartakower stated. This is demonstrated by the fact that the Iranian language has succeeded the Jewish-Persian language as the lingua franca of Jewry. Nevertheless, the heavy participation at the conference, the earnest consideration of Jewish cultural problems, and the large number of children attending Jewish schools all point to a desire to preserve Jewish culture. The chairman of W.J.C. had been asked by the Jewish delegates to speak in Hebrew rather than English or French, with which most Persian Jews are more familiar. The conference, half of the delegates to which were women, set up a 36-member national council headed by Mr. M. Senehi to represent their community. The next Congress will be held in two years' time.

Turning to problems of Israel-Persian relations, Dr. Tartakower mentioned a meeting which he had had with Dr. Rezazaeh Shafagh, a Moslem member of the Iranian Senate and a professor of philosophy at Teheran University. At this meeting the leading Persian intellectual had stated that he was interested in Israel's continued existence and expressed his desire to visit Israel. Dr. Shafagh had addressed the Congress on the need for encouraging the Jewish community to be socially minded.

Dr. Tartakower had also visited the Jewish community of Meshed, which had been forcibly converted to the Moslem faith and recently returned to Judaism.

The World Jewish Congress has published a book by Mr. Yosef Carmel, "Journey to Distant Brothers" (Masa el ahim nidahim), Dr. L. Bernstein, the organization's Executive Director, told the press conference. The illustrated book, which contains a preface by President Ben-Zvi, describes the Jewish communities of the Asian countries and will shortly be published in an English edition.

Retired Americans May Settle Here

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — A programme to settle retired Americans in Israel was outlined by Mr. M. Greenfield, National Secretary of the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel, to a group of American settlers at Beit Hamlin last night.

The scheme includes building homes for purchase in a development area or "garden city," apartments for rent, or an old folks' home on a rental basis.

Mr. Greenfield pointed out that the country would earn considerable foreign currency from the programme, including transport to this country and American retirement benefits or annuities, which would total approximately $200 a month per person.

The Association envisages the settlement of about 50 families in the first stage. A group of investors from the U.S. and Britain has shown interest in the project, Mr. Greenfield said.

Israel Abstains On Canal Clearance Vote

UNITED NATIONS, Sunday (INA). — Israel abstained yesterday when the General Assembly voted for a resolution concerning the financing of clearance of the Suez Canal, because of the "illegality" of the Canal regime.

Speaking before a plenary session of the Assembly in explanation of his abstention, Mr. Abba Eban pointed out that there was no evidence that the resolution passed by the Security Council six years ago, calling for removal of restrictions against Israel in the use of the Canal, has as yet been observed.

Mr. Eban explained it was clear the resolution dealt exclusively with physical clearance and not with juridical issues which remained unresolved.

PROF. YOSEF KLAUSNER, of Jerusalem, is to be made a Freeman of the City of Jerusalem at a ceremony in the Municipal Hall on December 25.

Where to go

• **Meet the Israelis:—**
Tourists invited to meet Israelis at home. Information at Government Tourist Office, Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa.

JERUSALEM

• **Zoo:—**
Jerusalem Biblical Zoo, 8.30-5.
• **Exhibitions:—**
Conquest of the Desert Permanent Exhibition. Daily from 10-1, 4-6. On Friday from 10-1. Closed Saturdays.

1) Permanent Exhibition of Jewish Ceremonial Art. 2) Ancient Pottery from various civilizations, from the museum's collections. 3) A preview of Primitive Sculpture. 4) Marriage Contracts from many countries. 5) Graphics of German Expressionists. 6) Old Master Drawings. 7) "The Skyscraper" exhibition, Bezalel, 9-1, 2.30-5.

Religion and Cult in Ancient Israel—Exhibition on the occasion of the Second World Congress of Jewish Studies. Also Permanent Exhibition, Department of Antiquities, 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech, 9-1.

1) Oil Paintings, gouaches and watercolours by Isaac Amitai. 2) Sculptures, reliefs and drawings by Kosso Eloul. 3) Gallery of Jerusalem Artists. Artists 10-1, 3-6.

Watercolours by Mordechai Avniel. Sculptures by J. Constant. Nora Art Gallery, 9 Maimon Ave. 10-1, 3-6.

Exhibition and sale of products of Batei Hahalutzot at Beit Hahalutzot, 14 Rehov Ibn Gabirol, Rehavia, Jerusalem, 8-1, 4-9.30.

• **Films shown:—**
Israel films daily 11.30. Keren Hayesood Hall.

• **Tours:—**
Hebrew University Conducted Tour (in English), 10 a.m. Administration Bldg., New University Campus. Every Tuesday leaving Administration Bld. 11 a.m. a visit to Hebrew University Hadassah Medical School in New Medical Centre, Ein Karem. Phone (until Monday) 42980 for bookings.
Spend a morning with Hadassah on a conducted tour starting at 9 a.m. Book for this free tour by phoning 4061, Hadassah Club Straus Health Centre.
• **Libraries:—**
Bezalel Museum: Weekdays, 8-5 p.m. Thursday, 8-1. Closed on Fridays and Saturdays.
• **Lecture:—**
Dr. Y. Shapira, "From Radio to Television in Europe — Impressions of a Journey." Beeri Club, 9 Rehov Alharizi, 8.30.
• **Play Readings:—**
"The Silver Chord" — in English. Beit Hillel, 8.30.

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"The Family of Man." Museum 10-10.
• **Dance, Music, Drama:—**
Folk Dancing Group, Z.O.A. House, 7.30 and 9.
Jazz Club, Z.O.A. House, 8.
Hebrew Dramatic Circle, Z.O.A. House, 6.
• **Tourist Services:—**
Visit Hadassah Club, 80 Rehov Hayarkon: Tel. 23239.
• **Theatre:—**
Cameri, "Yerma." Mograbi, 8. "Romeo and Juliet," New Hall, 8. (Sold out.)
Ohel, "All's for the Best," 8.

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Today's list of contributors contains an impressive collection of individuals and groups from all over the country. The income was IL1,365,800, the highest yet for a single day this year, and brings the total to IL10,965,800.

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IL 18 — Anonymous, Haifa. Canasta Circle No. 5 Smolenskin St., Tel Aviv.
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IL 5 — Edith and Hans Zeuger, Tal Shahar. Michael Eiland; Anonymous; A. & S.O.; Mrs. Kaufman-Spier; Anonymous; Dr. A. Rosenberg, Jerusalem. Dr. and Mrs. I. Sommer, Meged. Pardess Hanna. Aharon Harris, Migdal Ashkelon; Amir Wein (2), Ra'anana. I. Epstein; Dr. Ben-Asa; Mrs. Ben-Asa; Gal Oded; Beersheba. T.S.; N.N.; L.F. in memory of Regina Beatly; Elisabeth Koopman; in memory of Clelia who was very fond of little children; Anonymous; Mrs. Ostron, Haifa. Dr. Max Leffkowitz; R.K.; Anonymous, Tel Aviv. In memory of Chanan (Heinz) Peiz of Givat Brenner, who fell for our homeland on March 30, 1948.
IL 3.600 — Olga Goral, Jerusalem, two times Hai.
IL 3 — Lene Gutman; Alon and David Gutmann, Ramoth Hashavim. Yuval and Niza Papisch; Gymnasia Rehavia, Class 8-C; Y. Ratsprecher, Jerusalem. Kufenberg; N.N., Tel Aviv. Michael and Danny Strachowsky; Lissy and Leopold Kahn instead of a Bar-Mitzvah present to Doron Freses, Bat Galim; in memory of Kurt Gottesmann, Haifa. Hassia Podolsky; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Marx, Ein Hashofet.
IL 2.500 — Sussmann, Haifa.
IL 2 — Malka Yehoshua; Esther Weill; Anonymous; Dr. Walter Hirsh, Jerusalem. Ch. Feldman, Beersheba. Ilan (5) and Dorit (2) Marcks; Instead of the first doll to Ruth Perry Meissner; Micky and Thalia Ginsburg; Daphna Gilly Frischer; Baruch, Braha and Ya'acov Bendov, instead of a Bat-Mitzva present to Ilana Blumkin; Sally and Dalia Avramescu, Haifa. Mrs. S. Goldman, Ein Hashofet. From two little girls in memory of their granny: Stanley, Rina and Doron Schwartz, Tel Aviv.
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IL 0.500 — A. Rostein; A. Blitz; D. Movshovitz; M. Goren, Motza Ilit.

Announcement:
Relative Sought —
Anybody who has any information regarding the whereabouts of CHAIM MULLER who left Berlin around 1937 with Youth Aliya for Tel Aviv, Israel, please contact (writing in any language) his half-sister:
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US 'Bookmobile' Enters Service

The first American "Bookmobile" in Israel will start on its first trip tomorrow, when it will call at settlements in the Jerusalem Corridor. The "Bookmobile" is a travelling library which will be operated by the U.S. Information Centre in Tel Aviv as its newest branch. It will call on regular schedules at announced times and dates at settlements all over Israel from Dan to Bde Boker. It will carry an interesting, changing collection of more than 1,500 books, mostly in English, as well as Hebrew and Arabic translations of American literature. In addition it will provide periodicals, records, moving picture films and all other information material now available at the Tel Aviv Centre.

1,000 WIZO Women Due Here in 1958

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Over 1,000 WIZO members, including 500 from South America, will visit this country in organized groups during the Tenth Anniversary, Mrs. Raya Jagiom, Chairman of the WIZO Tenth Anniversary Committee, has said in an interview here. The average stay of the groups will be two weeks.

The organization will declare two "WIZO Weeks" in May and October, during which many special activities for the visitors will be held, in cooperation with the National Tenth Anniversary Committee.

WIZO will put at the disposal of the T.A.C. its clubs in the cities and smaller towns, to be turned into tourist centres. Mrs. Jagiom said the clubs would be clearly signposted and freshly painted, with WIZO volunteers serving as hostesses and snacks provided.

The WIZO budget for its Tenth Anniversary year special activities is IL40,000 and it is hoping for assistance from the T.A.C.

China to Adopt Latin Alphabet

PEKING, Sunday (Reuter). — China is to use the unaltered Latin alphabet for a new phonetic written language, it was learned recently. This is part of a drive to wipe out illiteracy among 80 per cent of China's 600 million population.

The draft plan, which has been approved by the State Council, was to be officially announced at the start of a month's campaign to publicize and encourage discussion of the system. The decision to adopt the Latin alphabet for phonetic script was taken after seven years of arguments and experiments.

It is not intended to take the place of the 47,000 Chinese characters, but to help people learn the standard Mandarin dialect, and pronounce it correctly. Dialects in China are so different that people from different regions cannot understand one another. Chinese characters give no key to pronunciation.

PERSIAN BIBLE SITES SHOWN ON SLIDES

An archaeological survey of Persian monuments connected with Biblical subjects, accompanied by colour slides, was given yesterday evening by Father Robert North, S.J., at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Jerusalem, of which he is the Director.

This was the third in the series of four Advent lectures being given at the Institute on Sundays. Next week Prof. North is to speak on his season of excavation at Bogazkoy, the ancient Hittite capital in Turkey.

SYPHOLUX
THE BEST GIFT FOR Hanukka

Working Mothers Bazaar in Capital

The Annual Bazaar of the Working Mothers' Organization was opened in the New Histadrut Building in Jerusalem on Saturday evening. It will be open daily until Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The dire financial needs of the organization, which maintains educational facilities for 18,000 children and 4,000 adults, was stressed on Saturday night by Mrs. Beba Idelson, M.K.

Mr. Moshe Baram, Secretary of the Jerusalem Labour Council, set this year's goal at IL50,000.

Mrs. Batya Shimoni, head of the Jerusalem branch, who presided, read greetings from Mrs. Rahel Ben-Zvi and Mayor Gershon Agron.

SUSPECTS IN LEVANT BONDED THEFT

The item appearing in yesterday's paper identifying the two officials of the Levant Bonded Warehouses in Tel Aviv suspected of embezzlement as Directors of the Company was in error due to the original Itim report. We have received a correction from Itim stating that the two served only in managerial positions in the Tel Aviv branch of the Company and were not Directors of the Company.

In fact suspicions against the two were first raised in a complaint to police by the company, a Company spokesman said. *(Itim)*

VIOLIN.—Nora Fayn, of the USSR, yesterday won first prize at the 'Henryk Wieniawski' International Violin Competition in Poznan, Poland. The second prize was won by Sidney Harth, of the U.S.

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HAIFA, Orah, Thursday, Dec. 19, 9 p.m.
PETAH TIKVA, Heichal, Friday, Dec. 20, 8.30
JERUSALEM, Edison Saturday, Dec. 21, 9 p.m.
Tickets: Tel Aviv — Kanaf, Rokoko; Ramat Gan: Rechnitz.

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Annual National Conference
of the
HITACHDUT OLEI BRITANNIA
(Association of Immigrants from Britain)
which will take place at Beit Hahalutzot, Rehov Yalag, Haifa, next Sunday, December 22, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Principal addresses by:
MR. S. Z. SHRAGAI, Head of the Jewish Agency Aliyah Dept., at 10.30 a.m.
MR. S. TEMKIN, Director, Israel Office, Zionist Federation of Great Britain & Ireland, at 2.15 p.m.

The Church of God
7th Day
announces to all its members and friends that a new committee has been elected and consists of the following persons:
President: **Aaron Levy**
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Secretary: **Elana Levy**
Treasurer: **Phillip Avraham**
All those who wish to contact The Church should write to: P.O.B. 775, Jerusalem.

At the Cinema

"LES Lumières du Soir" (Chen, Tel Aviv) is an old-fashioned tear-jerker, redeemed to some extent by competent acting and some lively characterization. It describes the fight of a mother (Gaby Morlay) to forward the ballet-dancing career of her daughter Catherine (Etchika Chourou) despite the fact that mother has been deserted by her choreographer-husband and has a hard struggle making ends meet. She even steals to help Catherine and before the prison doors close on her ensures that the girl is sent to the father in the U.S. Daughter becomes a prima ballerina; mother sees her success from the back of the hall and eventually there is a death-bed meeting or maybe mother gets better and all is well.

Chen (Tel Aviv) is showing a very charming fantasy, The Red Balloon. Written and directed by Albert Lamorisse with his son Pascal playing the small boy who is trailed round Paris by a big red balloon that obeys his instructions, this is a delightful little film that is like a tender and haunting melody. *S.W.*

Quinn as Hunchback

ANOTHER version of Hugo's classic, "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" (Armon, Haifa), this time a French one by Delannoy with Anthony Quinn in the role of Quasimodo, turns out to be quite a good job, well studied beforehand. The part of Esmeralda is rather plain sailing for Gina Lollobrigida. This production is the glossy historical, replete with immense research to recreate mediaeval Paris in every detail (although it seemed to me suspiciously over-clean) and is an entrancing show in which the majestic presence of Notre Dame remains ever present, overshadowing and underlining the story. *H.*

A POSTAL agency will be opened tomorrow in the Haifa bookstore "Mivhar Hasefer," 18 Rehov Massada. Its hours will be 8 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays and from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Fridays.

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ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME
322, 249, 33.3 & 41.7 M.

News: Hebrew: 6.25, 7.00 a.m. 1.30, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00, 11.00 p.m. English: 1.45 p.m. French: 2.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 7.30 a.m. 2.15, 6.00 and 11.08 p.m.

6.30 Service. 6.37 Callisthenics. 6.47 Musical Clock (R). 8.30 Close Down.

12.00 N. Lunchtime Music — soloist: Rene Lebas (Vocalist). 12.30 Woman's Corner. 12.45 Israel Songs. 1.15 Military Bands. 1.30 Close Down.

4.30 News Summaries in English, Swedish and Spanish. 5.06 "Musical Matinee" — (Verdi). 5.15 Children's Corner. 5.30 Youth Corner. 7.15 "We Present Tonight." 7.18 Popular Concert: Scottish Fantasy for Violin & Orchestra, op. 46 (Bruch). 7.45 Prof. Bacchi on Demography. 8.00 Israel Composers — Joseph Tal. 8.55 Bible Reading: Zephania, Chap. 3. 9.15 Newsreel. 9.30 "Curtain Up" — "Medea." 10.30 Record Collectors. 11.15 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
422, 480, 292.7, 41.7 & 33.3 M.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR: 6.00 Dany Kane (Harmonica) & Virgine Morgan (Organ). 6.20 Rose Sander (Soprano) — Songs by Brahms & Ravel. 7.00 French. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.00 Rumanian. 8.15 Hungarian. 8.30 Ladino. 9.00 Interval. 9.15 Mograbit. 9.30 News in Easy Hebrew. 9.45 Polish. 10.00 News in English. 10.15 Close Down.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (33.3 M.):
Programme to South Africa: 6.30 News. 6.45 "From the Federation" — Abe Toch. 6.50 "Stamp Corner." 6.55 Musical Interlude. 7.00 "Understanding the Bible" — by Rabbi B. Casper. 7.15 Yiddish.
Programme to U.K.: 11.30 News. 11.45 Songs by M. Wilensky. Midnight: Hebrew Lesson by Judah Shuval.

ARMY PROGRAMME: (48.4, 216, 225 & 235 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Requests for Hebrew Songs. 7.00 News. 7.10 "On Drivers and Pedestrians." 7.30 Light Music. 8.00 The Soldier-Citizen. 8.15 Quiz. 8.50 Interlude. 9.00 News. 9.10 Weekly Concert: Works by: Mendelssohn, Handel, Borodin & Copland. 10.30 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (13.80, 16.84 & 24.80 M.): 6.30-7.00 p.m. News, News Talk, London Letter.

A SHACK full of hay and a barn roof valued at IL650 went up in flames in Moshav Yanun on Saturday in a fire started by two four-year-old children playing with matches.

Tel Aviv Stock Market

DECEMBER 15, 1957

Pop. Loan 1949/59 (IL.10)	99½
4% Comp. Loan 56/57	73½
3½% Comp. Loan	83½
3½% War Loan 54/59	95
Pal. Bearer Bds. Ser. 3	96½
3½% Tax-fr. Dollar £)	89½
4% Reg. Sterling "A"	90
Def. Loan Bonds 62½ £)	99½
4½% Def. Bonds £)	97½
5½% Def. Bonds £)	99½
5½% Loc. C. Debs. £)	99
6½% Loc. C. Debs. £)	100½
Pal. Elec. pref. sh. (Ldn.)	213
6½% Bonds 58/65 £)	104½
ditto £)	110
Keren Hayesod 6½% Deb. 58/65 £)	99½
ditto £)	100½
Igroth Ltd. 6½% Deb. 58/65 £)	99½
Rassco 6½% Deb. 58/65	
Class "A" £)	99½
Class "B" £)	100½
Bk. Leumi ord. sh.	150
Bearer Savings Cert. '59	91½
A.P.B. Investment 4½-6% Con. Deb.	74½
Ord. sh. 'B' reg.	104
Gezit ord. sh. 'B' reg.	76
Ellera's Inv. ord	133
Gen. Mortg. Bk. ord sh.	75
Binar 4% debs. 58/65	80
Nir 5% pref sh.	93
Pass 4% debs. 60/66 reg.	86
"Inva" 5% debs	76
Afr. Pal Inv. ord. sh.	58½
I.L.D.C. ord. sh. reg.	80
5% debs.	70
Rassco 6% pref. ord. sh.	94½
Ata ord. "B" sh.	84
6-9% con. debs.	84½
"Kurdani" ord. "B"	82½
7% con. debs. 59/68	79½
Moller ord. sh. reg.	1140
Pal. Brewery 8% con. debs	80½
Assis Bejarano "B" sh.	71
Nesher 6% debs. "A" 55/64	113
Pal. Potash "A" ord. sh.	63
"Teva" ord. sh.	97½
Pal. Cold St. ord. sh. reg.	135½
Delek ord. sh. "C"	90
Pal. Centr. 8% debs.	100
Mekorot pref. sh.	70½
Jordan Exploration Co. Ord. sh. reg.	77½

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Today's Postbag

The Weather

FORECAST: Fair and bright.

	A	B	C	D
Mt. Cana'an	—	—	16	16
Tiberias	42	35	26	25
Haifa Port	37	14	22	23
Natanya	36	13	25	26
Tel Aviv Kirya	36	13	26	27
Tel Aviv Port	36	13	27	27
Lydda Airport	34	10	26	26
Jerusalem	25	11	19	19
Beersheba	17	11	26	26
Sdom	—	10	26	26
Eilat	37	12	28	29

*A) Humidity at 9 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum yesterday. D) Maximum temp. expected today

ARRIVALS

Wing Commander Kenneth C. Doran, D.F.C., new British Air Attache, to take up his post.

Assistant Superintendent of Police A. Saltsman, head of the Lydda Airport sub-district, from a tour of European airports to study border control procedures.

Mr. Norbert Masur, director of Hollander and Co., Ltd., and Mrs. Masur, for several months from Istanbul.

The Brasiliana troupe of 28 singers and dancers, for a series of performances (by El Al).

Mr. Tuvia Arazi, Israel Minister to Peru (by El Al).

Mr. G. Gorev, Third Secretary in the Israel Embassy in Moscow, for home leave.

DEPARTURES

Rabbi S. Sharfman, President of the Rabbinical Council of America, after a ten-day visit as head of a Council delegation.

THE ESTABLISHMENT of a music library at the Beit Tabori Cultural Centre of the Histadrut and the Tel Aviv Labour Council has been announced by Mr. Beryl Frymer, head of the Cultural Department of the Council.

RAV BINYAMIN DEAD AT 78

Yehoshua Talmi, better known under his *nom de plume* of Rav Binyamin, passed away in Jerusalem yesterday at the age of 78.

Chiefly known for his literary works, and as a staunch advocate of aliya from Yemen and of friendly Arab-Jewish relations in Palestine, Rav Binyamin watched the growth of the Jewish Yishuv in Palestine from the days of Turkish rule almost to the Tenth Anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel. The Hebrew translation of Herzl's diaries are among his published works.

Prior to his arrival in Palestine in 1907, he participated with the late Yosef Chaim Brenner in the founding of the Hebrew periodical "Ha-m'orer" in London. In this country, he worked for a short time as an agricultural labourer in Petah Tikva and then as secretary of the Herzliya College and as an official of the Palestine Office headed by Dr. Ruppin.

Rav Binyamin was one of the original founders of Tel Aviv and was also instrumental in founding of Jewish suburbs in Haifa, Jaffa and Jerusalem. Following World War I he served as director of the head office of Mizrahi and founded the daily "Hatzofe."

Moshe Bejarano Laid to Rest

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The funeral of Moshe Bejarano, industrialist and ex-diplomat who died yesterday at Assuta Hospital here, was held today at the Kiryat Shaul cemetery.

Among those accompanying the funeral cortege were members of the Bejarano family; the Knesset Speaker; the Chief of Staff; Members of the Knesset; members of the diplomatic corps and many representatives of manufacturing circles. *(Itim)*

VARDI'S BURIED IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The funeral was held here today of Abraham and Rina Vardi, who were recently killed in a road accident near Paris. They were buried in the Kiryat Shaul Cemetery.

Abraham Vardi was the Director of the Israel Bond Drive in Brussels.

Proposed Tax Reforms 'Good News' to the Wage Earner

By MARK SEGAL, Jerusalem Post Reporter

The total tax reduction from the income tax reform proposed by the Minister of Finance will amount to between IL45m. and IL47m. during 1958/59 and will benefit all income classes, it was stated by Finance Ministry officials in Jerusalem yesterday.

The proposed reform abolishes the Defence Levy (Yahav Hamagen) on income, increases personal and family teductions and allows exemption for travel expenses. On the other hand, the Finance Ministry wants to include in taxable income the cost-of-living allowance awarded during 1957 and which was hitherto exempted.

The abolition of the Defence Levy will result in an estimated revenue drop of IL45m., while the net loss from income tax reform will be IL2m.

The officials pointed out that the tax reductions for self-employed and corporations will only be felt in 1959/60, as they pay their taxes only at the end of the fiscal year.

In answer to a question, it was stated that in the event of higher cost-of-living allowances being granted, these would probably be exempt from income tax, as was the case with those granted during 1957.

The following table lists the monthly tax payments of married persons with two children, married men with no children and single persons. The first column shows the monthly income with the succeeding columns listing the monthly tax payments including Defence Levy, during 1956, 1957 and the proposed tax for 1958.

Married & 2 children				Married			Single		
	1956	1957	1958	1956	1957	1958	1956	1957	1958
IL200	9.7	0.1	—	18.5	12.3	8.6	23.0	25.5	19.8
IL250	20.8	13	6.5	29.4	25	20.8	34.7	41.1	32.1
IL300	35.6	25.5	16.4	44	40.3	32.8	50.7	58.2	46.3
IL350	52.9	41.1	29.4	61	57.3	47	70	75.3	60.6
IL400	72.4	58.1	43.8	80.2	74.4	61.3	92.5	96.4	77.8
IL500	126	98	76.9	136	120	98.5	155.7	141.8	115.8
IL700	277.4	200.1	158.8	286.8	228.6	184.8	305.5	262.1	212.5

Haifa Rates Seen Rising Sharply

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Sunday. — City rates are likely to rise considerably during the 1958/59 fiscal year, it was reliably learned tonight.

At a preliminary discussion of the budget proposal by the Town Hall management last week, it was seen that despite drastic cuts in the budget of the various Municipal departments, estimated income and expenditure were still far from balancing. It is feared that an increase in revenue from Municipal rates of up to 30 per cent may be necessary.

It was learned that Mayor Abba Khoushy told the Management that, even after further retrenchment, there would be no alternative to a rise of at least 15 per cent. During the coming year, the town would have to finance several development projects already begun, including the continuation of the underground railway, the building of the Municipal theatre and a sewage purification plant.

Both Ahdut Ha'avoda and Progressive councillors have gone on record as opposed to the increases.

Squatters' Evictions At T.A. Council

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The plight of squatters of the Ezra Quarter here dominated today's agenda of the City Council meeting.

Councillor M. Cohen (Mapai), speaking for the opposition, protested against the demolition of certain buildings, which had rendered some 30 families homeless. He asked the Municipality why steps had not been taken beforehand to prevent this state of affairs.

Deputy Mayor A. Boyer explained that certain unprincipled contractors had constructed unsafe buildings on land belonging to the Development Authority. These same persons had then gone to the *ma'barot* and found unsuspecting clients. He said that when demolition orders had been issued, none of the guilty contractors could be found.

He declared that he had been told that earlier today some of the evicted families had invaded an unfinished building claiming "squatters' rights." Police were waiting for a court order before evicting them, he said.

Y. Merom Named Histadrut Controller

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Mr. Y. Merom (Meriminsky) was today unanimously appointed by the Histadrut Central Committee to head the Control Commission of the Histadrut economic enterprises.

Mr. Merom has had long experience in Histadrut administrative posts. The commission will be composed of 13 members, five of whom will constitute its secretariat.

The commission was formerly headed by Mr. E. Drachlis, who resigned from his post a month ago in protest against the limitations of the Commission's authority.

Tabor Also Charged, Released on Bail

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Eli Tabor, the "Ha'olam Hazeh" reporter, who claimed to have been kidnapped two weeks ago, was today released on bail by Magistrate Y. Zohar, after being charged with publishing a report likely to cause alarm and incite the public under Para. 62 of the Criminal Code.

He was also forbidden to leave the country.

The IL500 bail was put up by members of the weekly's editorial staff. Mr. Tabor's lawyer, Mr. Y. Marinsky, did not object to the Magistrate's order.

Tabor had been summoned to the police last Thursday, together with Messrs. Uri Avneri and Shalom Cohen, editors of "Ha'olam Hazeh," but was found to be on leave at the time. *(Itim)*

AVNERI TO BRITAIN

LYDDA AIRPORT, Sunday.— Mr. Uri Avneri, editor of "Ha'olam Hazeh," leaving for London by El Al today, said that he was going for two weeks to meet British and Jewish leaders in order to collect material on the prospects for peace in the Middle East.

He had "no intention at this stage of raising the question of the kidnapping of Eli Tabor before world public opinion." *(Itim)*

RUGBY. — France beat Rumania by 30 point sto zero (16:0) in an international Rugby Union match in Bordeaux yesetrday.

Medical Exchange Seen with Poland

Jerusalem Post Reporter

An agreement is being worked out between Israel and Poland on the exchange of medical information and medical experts, the Minister of Health, Mr. Y. Barzilai, said yesterday. He was speaking at a press conference in Jerusalem attended by the three-man Polish medical delegation which leaves today after a 12-day visit.

Dr. Boguslaw Kosusznik, Polish Acting Minister of Health, headed the delegation which comprised Dr. Eugenia Pomerska, Director of the Maternal Welfare Division in the Polish Ministry of Health, and Prof. Marjan Stefanowski, a surgeon and Dean of the Medical Academy at Lodz, Lodz.

Mr. Barzilai said an exchange delegation would leave for Poland "as soon as possible" but no date has yet been set.

The Polish visitors said they had been impressed not only by the high standard of medical institutions in Israel but with the country's general development and the sincere aspiration of its people for peace.

Dr. Korusznik noted that Poland had medical agreements with many countries, regardless of internal regime, and it desired such cooperation with Israel.

Varying Fees

In reply to questions, the visitors said that all medical services in Poland were within the Government network with charges varying according to ability to pay. In some fields, such as tuberculosis, mental health, venereal disease and contagious illnesses, medical care was provided free of charge.

All physicians were required to work a seven hour day (six day week) as Government doctors but were allowed, and even encouraged, to engage in private practice after their working day.

Poland now had 23,000 physicians for a population of 28 million as compared to 6,500 doctors after the war, the visitors stated.

In the evening, Mrs. Golda Meir, the Foreign Minister, gave a dinner in honour of the guests. Among those present were Mrs. Rachel Ben-Zvi; the Minister of Health; the Polish Minister to Israel and Mrs. Antoni Bida; Mr. and Mrs. Jan Slowikowski; Mr. Meir Grossman; Prof. Moshe Rachmilevitz; Dr. Haim Sheba; Dr. Yosef Shatkai; Dr. Tova Yeshurun-Berman; Dr. Shimon Etesh; Mrs. Anda Amir; Mr. Aryeh Levavi; and Mr. Pinhas Dagan.

Candidate Sought For Role of Anne Frank

LYDDA AIRPORT, Sunday. —A 20th Century Fox casting director arrived here by El Al to find a 12- to 15-year-old girl to play the title role in a film version of "The Diary of Anne Frank."

Mr. Owen Maclean, casting director for George Stevens who is to direct the film, has already visited several European countries in his search for an Anne. He will interview here a number of girls who had written to the film corporation offering to fill the role.

The film is to be shot in Amsterdam and Hollywood. *(Itim)*

Jack Nadel to Head Jerusalem Y.M.H.A.

NEW YORK, Sunday (INA). — Mr. Jack Nadel, recently retired Executive Director of the New York City 92nd Street Y.M.H.A., has been named Chairman of the Jerusalem "Y."

ALL-DAY civil defence exercises will be held in Hadera tomorrow. The public is requested to cooperate and to keep clear of places where "incidents" occur.

Hut Synagogue to Come Down

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A synagogue established in a wooden hut — which was finished at night by volunteer workers in order to present the authorities with a fait accompli — is to be demolished in Jerusalem.

Four members of the congregation, Messrs. Ya'acov Hacham, Rahamim Sa'ado, Sa'ado Sa'ado, and Baruch Sa'ado, were also fined IL10 each by Jerusalem Municipal Magistrate M. Murciano.

The congregants, who admitted building the synagogue without a licence, said that they had first appealed to the Ministry for Religious Affairs for a synagogue. The Ministry refused them, saying it "had no money."

The congregants, all from Iraq, told the court that they used to pray in a synagogue near their former huts in the Talpiot *ma'bara*. When they moved into new dwellings in the new Katamon quarters, they had to walk 30 minutes every morning and evening to the *ma'bara* synagogue.

After they were turned down by the Ministry for Religious Affairs they raised IL3,000 from their own members and began to build, but were warned by the Municipality to stop since they had no licence.

The same night they finished the building which has 50 square metres of floor space. Since there were 150 worshippers, some had to stand outside during the services.

Amidar asked the City to take steps to raze the building since it "disfigured the vicinity."

Brought to court, the four congregants said that the synagogue, even if built without a licence, was a "blessed work done in the name of God."

They further claimed that there were another four "illegal" synagogues in the Katamon quarters.

While trial was going on, a petition was introduced by all the worshippers asking that they be considered equally guilty of the offence.

In passing sentence, Magistrate Murciano said:

"The accused are simple folk who work with their hands. They have large families. Before they immigrated to Israel they were religious and upheld the traditions of their faith. They were not used to seek relaxation in cafes or theatres, and they saw in the synagogue a place to educate their children and the only place that met their cultural needs."

However, he added, they must respect the law and build according to its provisions, despite their dire need for a synagogue.

Magistrate Murciano instructed the Local Town Planning Commission to demolish the building within three months.

Fined For Not Building Cistern or Shelter

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The two owners of a house built in the Zichron Yosef quarter of Jerusalem were recently fined IL150 each for a series of building violations.

Municipal Magistrate M. Murciano recently found them guilty of failing to build a water cistern or a shelter under the house, as well as placing the water tanks in the wrong place and several otherf minor violations.

However, he did not order them to build the cistern or the shelter since this would mean weakening the foundations of the building.

Toy Fund Distribution Begins

Jerusalem Post Staff

Police vans yesterday fanned out along the country's roads carrying toy-laden sacks that will make a happier Hanukka for some 30,000 children.

By this evening, youngsters in 350 setttlements throughout the country will have received the dolls, pianes, puppets, games and other toys generously contributed this year to *The Jerusalem Post's* Toy Fund.

The friendly constables who personally deliver the toys to each settlement are working in relays so that vans will reach the furthest parts of the country.

Commander in Chief of Operation Toy Fund this year, as in years past, is Mrs. Helen Rossi, editor of *The Jerusalem Post's* Woman' Page.

Constable Moshe Tanuri was in charge of the van that made its way early yesterday morning to new immigrant settlements tucked in the sunny Jerusalem hills. A father of three himself, Constable Tanuri is an old hand at Toy Fund distribution. The children were especially enchanted with his demonstration of the KIM miniature airplane and he submitted gravely whn a four-year-old "examined him" with a bright new doctor's kit.

At Nes Harim, where Kurds, Moroccans and Persians have made their home, kindergarten children watched with wide saucer eyes as the bright playthings were poured out. Five-year-old Ziona, wearing tiny gold earrings, received a gingham dressed rubber doll, hugged her very tight and promptly named her "Margalit."

At Bar Giora, (settlers from Morocco, Yemen and Tunis), four-year-old Yitzhak was painting a Hanukka lamp made of acorn cups when the Toy Funders came in. He carefully put down his brush, made for a bright red miniature weelbarrow, loaded it with a rag doll and a toy tractor and promenaded up and down the wooden shack which houses the kindergarten.

At nearby Mata, where tiny white *shikunim* and chicken coops slope along a landscape of grandeur, the kindergarteners especially enjoyed a pink and white toy lamb which uttered a thoroughly satisfactory "baa-aa" when squeezed.

Eilat Not a 'Have Not'

EILAT, Sunday.—The Chairman of the Local Council, Mr. Hanoch Nenner, was pleased to hear of The Jerusalem Post Toy Fund offer of toys for Eilat's kindergartens but insisted that no public institutions in fully-employed Eilat needs the gifts. On the contrary, he added, Eilat will send gifts to needy children in the North, including a collection of shells and coral from the Eilat shores.

However, the Fund toys which were allocated to Eilat be distributed individually on Hanukka eve to needy children.

Toys, Not Cops

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — A doubtful welcome for the police van gave way to delighted shouts of "Hanukka" today, when a police officer delivered toys to kindergarten children at the Ramat Hasharon *ma'bara*. Some of the youngsters ran to hide behind their teacher's skirt when a police van drove in and policeman No. 14480 alighted.

However, a load of toys was discovered in the van, and not a troop of policemen.

All doubts were soon replaced by joy when Mr. Georges Micheline, local Sabena representative, displayed and directed a model Sabena helicopter, over the heads of the youngsters, by remote control. Even the smallest toddlers seemed quite familiar with the model, which was complete with whirring propeller and pilot in the cockpit.

Children at an immigrant orphanage in Tel Aviv, lacking the comforts of home and the special treats of a family Hanukka, were also the recipients of a mammoth toy treasure-parcel today, while the Herzliya ma'bara's kindergarten and toddler groups danced when they saw the many toys the policeman dug up out of his mysterious sack.

Today's ports of call included border settlements in the "Little Triangle" area, and children's institutions as far south as Rehovot. The delivery undertaken by Tel Aviv police continues tomorrow, and some 250 children's institutions will be visited before the first candles are lighted for Hanukka.

A Motor Boat is happily appropriated by five-year-old Moshe of the Bar-Giora settlement in the Jerusalem Corridor as constable Moshe Tanuri opens "Operation Toy Fund." (Photo by Hirschbaim)

Tel Mond Prisoners Do Their Bit

Included in the Toy Fund's mail yesterday was the following letter from Mr. Z. Givati, Warden of the Tel Mond Prison:

"A large group of prisoners at the Tel Mond Prison petitioned the Commissioner of Prisons to allow them to donate sums from their prison savings funds to *The Jerusalem Post* Hanukka Toy Fund.

"These savings come from the prisoners' wages for the work they do in the prison workshops, and their donation to the Toy Fund will mean their forgoing various canteen privileges."

A Bank Hadoar draft for IL75 was enclosed.

Ashdod Yam Bridgehead

ASHKELON, Sunday. — Only a few days ago, Ashdod Yam was isolated by floods and without food. Today, the children of this immigrant town celebrated an "invasion" by *Jerusalem Post* Toy Fund "shock troops."

Led by Sergeant Shavit of the Ashkelon police, who has conducted six previous campaigns for the Fund, the "invaders" were armed with model helicopters and airliners, clowns, rocking horses, dolls and marionettes.

For the overwhelming majority of the five-year-olds, this was their first contact with the Toy Fund. They reacted rather like their ancestors when manna rained down from heaven. As the police conjured more and more toys from their sacks, the children did not know which to look at first.

Aside from the K.L.M. Super Constellations, the most popular playthings, even with the boys, were the dolls.

When the *Post* representative arrived at the Ashkelon police station to start the distribution, he was pleasantly surprised by the announcement that 120 workers of the Ministry of Labour's warehouses had decided to donate IL1 each to the Fund.

Ein Ha'Emek on the Map

HAIFA, Sunday. — "When I tell people I work at Ein Ha'emek, they ask me where it is," Rivka, the pretty kindergarten teacher, said today, as the playthings brought by *The Jerusalem Post* Toy Fund were spilled out of their burlap bags.

Ein Ha'emek is a village of Kurdish Jews in the Ephraim Hills established in 1950. For years, there was no kindergarten, because there was no money to pay a teacher.

When at long last a building was erected, it consisted of four walls, a floor, a roof — and little else. That is, until Rivka from Kiryat Motzkin took over, spruced up the place, made furniture with the help of other girls.

This Hanukka her pupils will have toys to play with, and Rivka's ingenuity will be taxed a little less.

At Midrach Oz, the well-cared for, well-behaved Yemenite children greeted the toys with shouts which their teacher quickly channelled into a Hanukka song expressing their gratitude.

If a prize were awarded for the best showing in absorbing and integrating newcomers, Yokne'am would carry it off. The model village has three kindergartens and a day nursery for its toddlers. But for such "extras" as toys, it took *The Jerusalem Post* campaign to give the children a holiday feeling.

The teachers told her own story of how children who had never played with a toy react. "You can see their eyes light up, their hands twitch, yet they keep a respectful distance from the playthings."

(Contributors — See P.3)

NASSER CALLS FOR LIBERAL THINKING

CAIRO, Sunday (Reuter). — Abdul Nasser called today for liberal thinking among Arabs as an essential weapon in the cold war.

He was addressing members of an Arab writers conference who called on him at the Presidency. Nasser added: "Art and intellect are essential weapons in the cold war. We are in need of intellectual unity to strengthen our Arab nationalism. We look forward to the establishing of Arab art free from all foreign domination."

Israel Plays Wales In World Cup Meet

ZURICH, Sunday (Reuter).— Wales will meet Israel in the World Cup football tournament as the result of a draw made here today at the headquarters of the International Association Football Federation (FIFA).

The countries which entered for the draw for an opponent to meet Israel were Ireland, Bulgaria, Wales, Holland, Poland, Rumania, and the still unknown runnerup in group eight (Italy or Portugal).

Ernst Thommen, President of the Swiss Football Federation, picked the name of Wales in the draw, which was made out of the actual World Cup trophy.

The organizing committee of the World Cup decided at a meeting on November 25 that Israel and its opponent would play one of their two matches in Israel and the other in an unspecified European city — expected now to be in Wales — by February 2, 1958. Each team will have to bear the travel expenses of the other team outside its own continent.

Israel has so far not played a single match in the World Cup preliminaries as the Moslem countries in her area have refused to play against her.

Legia Whitewashes Maccabi Selected 8:0

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Sunday. — Some 7,000 spectators watched the visiting Polish Legia soccer team trounce a Maccabi selected by eight goals to nil in a floodlit match here tonight. Half-time score was 5-0.

The first goal was scored by the guests in the second minute of the match, and after 25 minutes, the score was already 5-0. The Poles then relaxed, and during the rest of the game netted only three more goals.

Legia will play its last game tomorrow against Tel Aviv Maccabi.

Dog Fight

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — A dog howling under the stress of having a haircut was the unwitting cause of its hairdresser's receiving a fine in the Magistrates Court today.

The dog had been brought by its owner into a pets' beauty parlour in Rehov Shatz for a haircut some days ago. As the beautician, Mrs. Bracha Levin, began to clip, the dog started to howl, and was soon joined in a vociferous accompaniment by other dogs in the neighbourhood.

The din annoyed a neighbour, Mrs. Hanna Klein, who, according to Mrs. Levin, "burst in and used harsh and angry words." Mrs. Levin then ran out of her shop and, grabbing a hose, sent a jet of water into her neighbour's home.

Magistrate Y. Steinberg declared that, in view of the extenuating circumstances, he was only fining Mrs. Levin IL10. He also ordered her to post a IL50 bond for one year as a guarantee that she would not repeat the offence. *(Itim)*

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

The Struggle for Independence

December 16, 1947

The last British police were withdrawn from the Tel Aviv-Petah Tikva sector today, leaving Jewish police in charge.

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25 Arab Auxiliary Police have deserted with their weapons from the Majdal Police Station.

'U.S. PEOPLE' AID GALILEE SPORTS

KIRYAT SHMONA, Sunday. — A sports centre for this immigrant town and its district is to be erected by the Local Council with a grant of IL125,000 given by the U.S. Embassy on behalf of the American people. The Council will put up IL50,000, it was stated last night by Mr. H. Rose, Chairman of the Council, at a local meeting of "Hapoel." *(Itim)*

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At the Z.O.A. House, Tel Aviv
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Chairman: Mr. Haim Levanon
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Hanukka Parties on December 18 and 19 at 8.30 p.m.
Artistic Programme, dancing, lottery and surprises.
Fashion Show on Thursday, December 19, at 4 p.m.
Sales Stalls — Exhibition of Food Products for the Housewife.
Tickets at Wizo Offices, 8 Simtat Beth Hashoeva, Tel Aviv.

"Brasiliana"
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We express our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved Bejarano Families on the untimely death of their beloved
Moshe Michael Bejarano
Bruno Ascoli and Family

The Anglo-Israel Chamber of Commerce (Israel)
mourns the untimely death of its Chairman
Moshe Michael Bejarano
and expresses its deep sympathy to his bereaved family in their great loss.

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Ifni: Chance for Russia

By Richard Mowrer

MADRID.—

THE fighting in Ifni is no more than a pocket war — up to now. But if it lasts and if it spreads, as it shows signs of doing, it could set off chain reactions damaging to the West and alarmingly advantageous to Soviet designs.

Prolongation of the conflict will be a drain on Spain's finances, which are far from robust. It takes money, lots of it, to maintain an army in the field, supply it, move it. Most of the Spanish Navy and much of the Air Force are engaged in the Ifni fight. The longer they are involved the higher the cost. Spain's weak currency will be further weakened: today the peseta is quoted at 60 to the dollar on the free market, although the official exchange rate is 42.

Extension of the fighting will mean calling up more soldiers. Already Moroccan irregulars have attacked the Spanish at points well away from Ifni: at El Ayun, more than 300 kilometres away in Spanish Sahara; at Cape Bojador, 500 kilometres away on the coast of Rio de Oro, where the lighthouse was pillaged and the Spanish keepers and their families murdered. Deeper involvement in the war will place an added strain on an economy already harassed by severe inflation and productivity difficulties.

Prolonged fighting with the Moroccans could have serious political repercussions in Spain. Elements in the Army and in the population might hold the Franco regime accountable for the failure of its Moroccan policy.

Since the start of Nasser's flirtation with Russia and the Suez fiasco of 1956, Madrid's sympathetic friendliness toward the Arab world has cooled. But it is remembered here that earlier policy was to cheer on the Arab nationalists against Britain and France in the Middle East, and to back the rebelling Moroccans against the French. In the turbulence leading up to Moroccan independence, support of the nationalists bought Spain temporary immunity from the nationalist agitation harassing the French. But right after attainment of Moroccan independence in the spring of 1956 the extreme nationalists, who today seem to wield much influence, announced that all of Spain's possessions adjoining Morocco must be handed over.

This meant the Ifni enclave, the vast colony of Rio de Oro to the south, and the "*presidios*" on Morocco's Mediterranean shore, notably the cities of Ceuta and Melilla which have been Spanish since 1415 and 1497 respectively, and which are regarded here as an integral part of Spain. The irony of the present situation is that the Moorish warriors enrolled in the so-called Army of Liberation now engaging the Spanish are virtually the same forces that the Spanish radio station in Tetuan used to describe as "patriot partisans" when they were fighting the French two winters ago.

Although correspondents are being kept out of Ifni and news from there is sparse, a flood of information is being fed to the papers about the exploits of individual Spanish soldiers who died in battle. This kind of publicity could stimulate national patriotism in this dangerous hour and unite the nation behind the regime — something which Gen. Franco's government sorely needs.

For the Russians the prospects offered by Spain's Moroccan troubles must be irresistibly attractive:

- America's Spanish allies to be expelled from their holdings on Africa's west coast.
- Independent Morocco, weakened by fighting and divided by internal dissensions, more vulnerable than ever to a coup d'etat to overthrow the moderate ruler, Mohammed V, and put in power wild-eyed super-nationalists who look to Cairo, and beyond.
- Extension of Soviet influence to the shores of the Atlantic by way of North Africa and Morocco.
- Loss to the Americans of their air bases in Morocco.
- Overthrow of the Franco regime by an economically bankrupt and politically disillusioned nation, with the chance of Soviet political penetration.
- Spanish reversal to neutrality and denial to America of the air and naval bases in Spain.

However Spain's feud with France and Britain has ended. This country has moved closer to Europe in the Free World line-up. Spanish claims to Gibraltar, long a feature of the regime, have been muted. Spain is shifting to the French side of the fence with regard to North African affairs. There is no longer any jeering criticism of the French difficulties in Algeria in the government-oriented press. The French can count on Spanish support, or at least benevolent neutrality, at the United Nations.

The new line toward France was sharply apparent during the Tunisian arms crisis: Spain refrained from shipping arms to Bourguiba, out of deference to the French, although the sale of weapons is a normal export and foreign exchange earner for this country. The French, for their part, have refrained from adopting an "I told you so" attitude now that the Moroccans have turned against the Spanish, and this is much appreciated in Madrid.

Meantime the conviction is growing in political circles here that the United States is going to have to increase its economic aid to Spain in order to tide it over its present difficulties and help meet the mounting expenses of the Ifni war.

Press Outnumbers NATO Delegates

PARIS (O.P.N.S.). —

Journalists outnumber delegates at the Nato summit conference in Paris by about two to one, and it seems that providing for the Press has demanded more effort than organizing the talks themselves. More than 1,000 Pressmen are here as compared with only 500 delegates from the 15 member countries.

The Atlantic Organization's "temporary" prefabricated headquarters at the Palais de Chaillot closely resembles a nascent film set. It is overrun by blue-overalled electricians, carpenters and painters, who have installed new offices, radio and television studios, dozens of extra telephone lines, and teletype machines. There are no private offices available for the delegations.

In one of the not-so-ancient halls of this barn-like structure, a team of workmen has just put the finishing touches to a round table, six metre in diameter, which will be used for about 45 minutes today for the inaugural public session. The "public" on this occasion will be restricted to about 200 radio and television reporters and engineers, newsreel cameramen and photographers. The several hundred newspaper reporters will have to be content with the reflection of the meeting on a giant television screen in the Press briefing room.

In an unenviable position is Nato's Chief Press Officer, stocky, 40-year-old Mr. Edward Key, seconded to the Atlantic Organization from the United Kingdom Foreign Office only three months ago. He expects little rest while the conference is on, but says: "We have done all we can to make this inconvenient building as comfortable as possible."

Ingrid Bergman and Cary Grant are in London, at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, for scenes in a new picture. Here Cary Grant is seen during a visit to the nearby market as he tries a hand at portering. Ingrid Bergman gets huge enjoyment out of watching him lift a case of Jaffa oranges marked "Produce of Israel."

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YESTERDAY'S PRESS

West Myopic on M.E. Problems

NEWSPAPER comment, yesterday, focused on the myopic approach of the West to the essence of the Middle East problem on the eve of the Nato conference and on speculation as to how its deliberations are likely to impinge upon the welfare of the State of Israel, with talk of a "Middle East Munich" being bandied about so widely.

For want of a new idea to solve the problems of the West in the Middle East, writes **Ha'aretz** (non-party), the British have been busy raking up the 1947 Partition ghost. The plot cannot possibly benefit the West, for the simple reason that it is not the existence of Israel that is the problem of the region. Moreover, the people of Israel are by no means ready to comply with dubious plans emerging from a distorted way of looking at history by giving up areas won at so high a price when the Arabs forced us into a war, and settled since then by Jews fleeing other countries.

Lamerhav (Ahdut Ha'avoda) suggests a campaign to inform the world that any unrealistic policy expecting Israel concessions can only foment trouble, and, simultaneously, a greater effort to populate more quickly the areas that our detractors might want to take away from us.

Hatzofe (World Mizrahi) writes that although both blocs may manoeuvre to appease the Arabs at Israel's expense, both will have to stop somewhere before things get out of hand. The West will always be somewhat behind the East in its ability to dish out "slices" to the Arabs, while the East, understanding that pushing Arab demands to their logical conclusion (destroying Israel) can only bring a clash with the West and a world explosion, will also most likely pause to think. For there are many signs that at this stage, even after the Sputniks and ICBMs, Moscow is still straining to avoid the final showdown which would spell the destruction of the world.

Al Hamishmar (Mapam) regrets that although our "regressive system of municipal taxation" was condemned by none other than the Minister of Finance, several months have passed since his statement on the matter in the Knesset and nothing has been done.

There is a whiff of election campaigning in the **Herut** eulogy of Moshe Ichilov, the late Acting Mayor of Tel Aviv-Jaffa, who passed away just a month ago. The paper lauds his achievements, his sterling qualities and devotion to the cause and concludes that once **Herut** is entrusted with the leadership of the State the Government will function for the good of the country.

Readers' Letters

OLEANDER'S USE

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In *The Jerusalem Post* of December 2, 1957, P.A. wrote a Nature Note about the oleander, an indigenous Israel plant known under the designation of *nerium oleander (harduf hanakhalim)*. Since P.A. wonders in this Note whether the medical use of oleander has proved itself, we wish to give some information.

In 1942, Teva isolated a crystalline cardiac glycoside, which is now in use in practically all of our hospitals, from the leaves of *nerium oleander*. Foliandrin, the trade name of this glycoside, has a special place among the heart glycosides. It comes between Strophantin (Ouabaine) and digitalis. In 1944 L. E. Schindel and K. Braun published a paper on it in the British Heart Journal. Other clinical observations were reported by Dr. S. Btesh, Director General of the Ministry of Health, Dr. S. Loew, Head of the Cardiovascular Dept. of the Hadassah Hospital, Tel Aviv, and others.

The latest paper about Foliandrin is by Prof. K. Braun, Head of the Cardiovascular Research Unit of the Hadassah Hospital, Jerusalem, which he published in 1956 together with S.C. Rosenberg, in "Cardiologia," the Swiss journal for heart diseases.

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Another instance of similarly successful teamwork resulted in another of our new products, Bitupal. The raw material for this bituminous tar product comes from the asphaltite of the Dead Sea. A troublesome and very complicated process isolates a fraction of the tar oil, which has an excellent therapeutical action in the treatment of eczema and other skin diseases. This product is exported to the U.S.

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Kibbutz Artists Exhibit

THE Kibbutz Artzi exhibition of paintings and drawings at Wilfred Israel House, Hazorea, comprise the work of 20 artists from 17 kibbutzim. The general run of style may be called a roughly modernist treatment of subjects within the immediate experience of the artists. Although the standard varies considerably from picture to picture, it must be admitted that these painters deal with what they know without any tendentiousness. The best example of direct emotional experience — and I am not claiming any brilliance of expression for it — is H. Bergel's employment of the reed windbreaks of the Jordan Valley (he lives at Sha'ar Hagolan) to remove his subject one degree from actuality and simultaneously to provide a scale for the picture.

Starting from the oils, S. Meir has come on greatly and his three abstracts prove that he has the hang of the method. B. Odes understands composition and I preferred "Still Life," where the placing of the fruit provides colour relief. M. Ben-Hayim's two gouaches, "Still Life" and "Landscape," share this quality of balanced and softer colour harmonies. I am stressing this point because the question of contrast seems to lead on, for some members of the group, to an over-simplified outlook.

It crops up in different forms. Reiliger's "Thistles" is delightfully graduated from brown and black to green and thence to pale yellow, but his "Landscape in Red" is too uniform. Sartani's portrait of a man in green finds its line in the expressive body contour, but his other two pieces merely take a single typical aspect of the sitter — and there is no portrait. The decorative quality of Y. Ben-Ya'akov's watercolour, "Ma'bara," induces claustrophobia; when he turns to depict "Fear," the drawing is superior but the result self-conscious symbolism. Next, R. Lobat's two monochrome watercolours, "Still Life" and "Forest," use form and volume to produce a rhythm that is quite effective. Still, apart from the disadvantage of one colour, his fluency may lead to superficiality.

Leibel and Steingold should try to forget the schools and concentrate on the subject in hand. L. Zimmerman has a "Landscape" (oil) of interest and Y. Ben a couple of landscapes whose composition depends on perspective. Y. Kimhi's "Head" and the landscapes of M. Kagan and M. Yoeli are no more than plain statements. All three could take a lesson in the illustrative from S. Katz's watercolour, "Acre" — just a street but its sudden bend, house recessions and variations of light and shade enliven the whole.

Honestly, what is S. Weil getting at? His drawings of bearded males look like pastiches of Roman busts but I do not understand if the purpose is caricature or experiment. J. Ror has a pleasant watercolour, "Rain in the Kibbutz"; at the same time, the astrigency which so appealed to me years ago seems to have been lost in the technique.

MURIEL BENTWICH: House in Acre.

Lastly, the woodcuts. "Bikurim" by Y. Weiss is not bad at all and, to end this review where it began, the sensuous line of Y. Griffeld's "Oriental Figures" springs from things seen. *H.*

Aliza Beck

ALIZA Beck, one of the veteran women painters in this country, who had a retrospective exhibition some months ago at the Tel Aviv Museum, is now showing recent paintings at the Katz Galleries, although a few works that are already known are included.

As always, she shows herself to be a sensitive painter with a gentle, feminine touch. On second viewing, the study of the Bezalel Museum Library and of an outdoor kindergarten scene (both in oils) hold up very well and have an attractive liveliness. There is also a vivacious painting of a washerwoman, with the white linen and the touches of bright blue in the woman's dress tellingly rendered.

Among the watercolours there are some pleasant, atmospheric views of Safad, Ein Karem and Acre, while the few portraits are executed with Mrs. Beck's usual competence.

Muriel Bentwich

AT the Behrendt and Moses Bookshop at 105 Ben Yehuda Street, Muriel Bentwich, whose work is not often seen in Tel Aviv, is showing a number of watercolours.

There are landscapes, studies of trees and a few portraits in chalk, and nearly all are pleasing in their quiet, modest way. The artist is able to catch a good likeness, and the portrait of the actress Leah Rosen is a firm and fine piece of drawing. One gouache is included, a conversation piece, which is the most interesting work in the show. The colour is more vibrant than usual, and it is a well drawn and lively work showing that this medium offers possibilities to the artist. *S. W.*

Tourist Guides Pass Courses

By DIANA LERNER

A LEADING geologist waiting for a bus on Jerusalem's busiest street one day this month was given a lift all the way home by a passing bus and received a rousing ovation from the other passengers, with a request that he explain the latest findings on seismographic pressures and the recent earthquakes in various parts of the world.

The Professor, Dr. N. Shalem, Director of the Ministry of Development's Geomorphological Unit, and the passengers, 32 Egged bus drivers, had become acquainted during a course in tourist guiding. Sponsored by Egged, the course is being given to some of its driver-shareholders in anticipation of the Tenth Anniversary celebrations and the autobus cooperative's expanded services to group touring.

The students have for the past 10 months undergone intensive courses in Bible and New Testament readings, Jewish history, archaeology of Palestine and every aspect of modern Israel. Many of them are members of the Egged study group which has for the past four years attended lectures and courses on specific topics of the country's geography and history. Still others are members of the bus company's hiking division and winners of the hiking cup in the march to Jerusalem last spring.

In January, they will be ready to sit for examinations being held in the three cities for prospective licensed tourist guides.

Simultaneously, the Government Tourist Corporation is holding its own 10-week course for a selected group of 51, of whom half are women, in keeping with recent trends in training female guides. Screening was on the basis of education, personality, knowledge of one or two foreign languages and basic familiarity with the country.

The Corporation's oral and written examinations are worked out in cooperation with the Department of Antiquities, and those who pass them receive official licences and are listed on a roster distributed by the Corporation to travel agencies, tour operators and institutions.

The course programme is under the direction of Rabbi P.M. Nathan of the Corporation's Service Department, which organizes courses every two years. The students' tours are conducted by Dr. Ze'ev Vilnai, the dean of Israel's guides. When he made his way agilely, ahead of his class, up the steep ascent to Massada this month, it was the 31st time he had scaled the fortress.

Three hundred more tourist guides are being sought by the Corporation to meet the expected influx of visitors this spring. It is hoped that 25 per cent of the new guides will be women, for the latter account for only 12 of our present 200 licensed guides.

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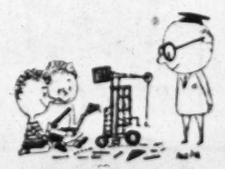
TOY Fund week means picking your way to your desk past a mound of toy wicker-work prams (we sometimes wonder whether they will have the same automatic appeal to little girls in a border village where the mothers have no prams), resisting the temptation of trying to fly the helicopters, and of simply giving up work and settling down to play marbles. Even better than the toys is the correspondence that comes with them. This year the Fund received a large cardboard box with a Meccano erector set inside. The box, bearing an old-fashioned German label, looked a bit worn, and the



set was obviously not new, but while the metal struts and bars were worn and scratched they were neither bent nor spoilt. "This Meccano has been used by three generations of children in our family," wrote the donor. "The twins, Dan and Daphne, are now 13 and don't use it any more and we have decided to give it to the Toy Fund. We should just like to send our best wishes to the child who is going to receive it, and to tell him that the original owner, who was given this set 32 years ago, is now a professor at the Technion." What could be nicer? The letter has been left inside the box, as a spur to the ambition of whatever boy learns the first principles of engineering from this treasured Meccano, and in the hope that it will encourage him to take equally good care of it for the next 30 years.

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AND again, the gifts from Ghana. We were notified that there were three packages for the Fund from Paris. They turned out to contain a collection of printed cotton and silk frocks for little girls of various sizes, sleeveless, of very simple cut and workmanship but in unexpectedly gay and brilliant colours — the kind of thing to catch a child's fancy immediately, but perhaps make her mother blench. Presently a letter turned up from the Israel Ambassador to Ghana, Mr. Ehud Avriel. An English missionary teacher with the Aburi tribe somewhere in the interior of Ghana had brought the things in. Once upon a time she taught at the Mission School in Jaffa, and she had always preserved an affection for the Holy Land, and followed its fortunes with interest. She had often told her pupils about her experiences here, and also, of course, about the State of Israel and the Jews and their customs. This year she had again told them that the Jews celebrate Hanukka at this season, and also about The Jerusalem Post Toy Fund, which sent gifts to children in border villages where life is primitive and the parents have no money to buy toys or luxuries. Two weeks later, she reported her girls turned up with a collection of little dresses that they had made themselves, and sets of toy aluminium kitchen-ware, imported from the United States, which they had bought at a local store. Again, what could be nicer? In this case it is simply that the good will that went out to Africa has come full circle. When we were taught to knit at school we were set to make thick woollen vests with sleeves, which were going to be sent, we recall distinctly, to little children in primitive villages in Africa, whose mothers could not knit, not even as well as we could. We wondered occasionally whether the equatorial babies would not be too hot in the English-style vests; perhaps some of the Ghanaian girls were troubled by the thought of cotton dresses in Jerusalem in winter.

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"WHAT Technical Assistance really needs," said our Political Adviser, "is to send Mr. Khrushchev over to Washington for a bit, and Mr. Eisenhower to Moscow. Khrushchev would show the Americans how to get things done, and Mr. Eisenhower would teach the Russians how to take things easy and enjoy life. Do no end of good to both sides." He also knew, of course, why Israel Government officials are like American satellites. They start late, do no work, cost a mint of money and can't be fired.

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MRS. Victoria Chai, who gave birth to a fine healthy baby girl at the Elisha Hospital in Haifa a few days ago, was quite happy and comfortable. Just as she

was busily comparing notes with her neighbours — the new baby was her fifth child — a whole delegation of doctors and nurses came in to congratulate her and tell her that her baby had been the 5,000th born at the Elisha Maternity Ward, and that mother and daughter would be considered everybody's special guests. First of all, she would be moved into a room all by herself in the First Class. She couldn't see the point of that at all. What was wrong with her all of a sudden that she couldn't stay with all the other people? She did not think that even the privilege of visitors at any time would quite make up for permanent company in the room. She did agree to go in the end, but not without a reluctant backward glance over her shoulder.

JAPANESE EXPERTS TO STUDY ASWAN

TOKYO, Sunday (Reuter). — Japanese commercial interests today decided to follow up the recent visit of Egyptian officials connected with the Aswan Dam project by sending a team of Japanese construction experts to Egypt in January.

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